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New Swaziland Bureau

The new FBIS bureau in Swaziland officially began operations on 4 May when it filed its first item, an editorial from the Johannesburg RAND DAILY MAIL. Initially, the bureau will be covering South African English and Afrikaans broadcasts and press, with a sampling of other projected coverage until the bureau is more fully staffed. Three monitors have been hired so far, giving the bureau capability in French, Afrikaans, and English (Portuguese yet to be added); the first local-hire teletypist will be on duty 17 May. Initial evaluation of reception is encouraging. The payoff is expected to be new radio coverage of Namibia, Swaziland, Lesotho, Madagascar, and South Africa; better radio coverage of Mozambique, Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe; and more timely press coverage of Swaziland, South Africa, Zimbabwe. Kenya, Botswana, Tanzania, Madagascar, Zambia, Burundi, and Malawi.

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President's Trip to West Germany

The FBIS Production Group has been asked by OSO/OG/AOD to provide a German linguist to support OSO personnel accompanying the President's party to West Germany in early June. The officer selected, assisted OSO in a similar capacity during the visits of former presidents Ford and Carter to Germany in 1975 and 1978 respectively.

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MFO Support

FBIS, at the request of Ambassador Heck, has begun supplying Daily Reports and JPRS publications to the Multinational Force and Observers organization at its Sinai office in El Gorah. The materials are addressed to Col. Richard Jarrett, chief of staff. The FBIS bureau in Tel Aviv has already been supplying some materials to the MFO through the Defense Attache's Office in Tel Aviv.

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